

REMARKS

Claims 48-64 are pending. Claims 48, 54 and 60 are the independent claims. In the Office Action Mailed March 30, 2005, the Examiner objected to the specification and objected to claim 52. Claims 48-54, 56, 59-61 and 63 were rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-5 of U.S.

6,370,149. Additional rejections were made as follows:

Claims	Rejection Basis	Cited References
54, 56, 59-61 and 63	35 U.S.C. §102(e)	Whittaker et al.
48, 53	35 U.S.C. §103(a)	Whittaker et al. in view of Johnson (US 5,999,801)
49-50, 52	35 U.S.C. §103(a)	Whittaker et al. in view of Johnson, further in view of Yuen (US 4,351,125)
51	35 U.S.C. §103(a)	Whittaker et al., Johnson and Yuen further in view of Harting et al. (US 6,130,944)
55, 62	35 U.S.C. §103(a)	Whittaker et al. in view of Grabowy (US 4,588,862)
57-58	35 U.S.C. §103(a)	Whittaker et al. in view of Fraser (US 5,926,464)

I. Objection to the Priority Claim

Pursuant to the Examiner's request, Applicant has updated the status of 09/119,094 listed in the first paragraph from "pending" to "now U.S. Patent No. 6,370,149". Applicant has also edited the language in the second sentence so as to remove any suggestion that a priority claim has been made to those additional cases incorporated by reference in this application.

II. Objections to the Claims

Although Applicant disagrees with the objection to claim 52, claim 52 has been cancelled and thus Applicant submits that the objection is now moot.

III. Rejections Based on Obviousness-type Double Patenting

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejection of the claims for obviousness-type double patenting. Independent claim 48 has been amended to recite, for example, features of a smart card interface unit. Neither the issued claims of the '149 patent nor the remainder of the cited references teach or suggest such a feature, alone or in combination. Reconsideration is requested.

IV. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejections of claims 54, 56, 59-61 and 63 as anticipated by Whittaker et al. However, as these claims have been cancelled in order to focus consideration on the remaining claims, Applicant submits that this rejection is now moot. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce these cancelled claims in a continuation application.

V. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

a. Rejection of claims 48, 53 over Whittaker in view of Johnson

Although Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's interpretation of the cited references and does not agree that the references are properly combinable to recite the features of these claims, Applicant has amended claim 48 to recite the feature of "a smart card interface unit positioned in the housing, the smart card interface unit configured to receive a smart card defining an address for the subscriber interface unit." Applicant notes that neither of the cited references teaches or suggests this feature. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 48 is allowable over the art of record. Claim 53 is a dependent claim; therefore its allowability directly follows from the allowability of independent claim 48. Reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

b. Rejection of claims 49-50 and 52 over the combination of Whittaker, Johnson and Yuen

Although Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's rejection of claims 49-50 and 52, these claims have been cancelled in order to focus consideration on the remaining claims. Applicant submits that this rejection is now moot. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce these cancelled claims in a continuation application.

c. Rejection of claim 51 over the combination of Whittaker, Johnson, Yuen and Harting

Although Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's rejection of claim 51, this claim has been cancelled in order to focus consideration on the remaining claims. Applicant submits that this rejection is now moot. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce this cancelled claim in a continuation application.

d. Rejection of claims 55 and 62 over the combination of Whittaker and Grabowy

Although Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's rejection of claims 55 and 62, these claims have been cancelled in order to focus consideration on the remaining claims. Applicant submits that this rejection is now moot. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce these cancelled claims in a continuation application.

e. Rejection of claims 57-58 and 64 over the combination of Whittaker and Fraser

Although Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's rejection of claims 57-58 and 64, these claims have been cancelled in order to focus consideration on the remaining claims. Applicant submits that this rejection is now moot. Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce these cancelled claims in a continuation application.

VI. New Dependent Claims 65-76

Applicant has added dependent claims 65-76 to further define aspects of the smart card interface in combination with the subscriber interface unit (claims

65-70), the display functions of the subscriber interface unit (71-73) and the multi-line configurations of the subscriber interface unit (74-76). Applicant submits that none of the cited references teach or suggest these features. Applicant also submits that these amendments are fully supported by the specification, for example at FIGS. 9 and 12; page 19, line 14 – page 21, line 11; page 24, lines 6-23; and page 25, line 23 – page 26, line 2.

VII. New Claims 77-82

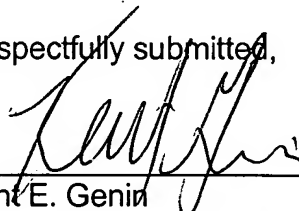
New claims 77-82 include many of the features of amended claim 48 and dependent claims 65-76. Applicant submits that these claims are fully supported by the original specification, for example as set forth above and at page 33, lines 12-22, and that no new matter has been added. Consideration and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

VIII. Conclusion

Corrections have been made to the specification as requested by the Examiner. Although Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's interpretation of the cited references, Claims 49-52 and 54-64 have been cancelled to permit for prosecution of claims to an alternative set of features set forth in amended claim 48 and new claims 65-82. Applicant reserves the right to refile the cancelled claims in a continuation application. With the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that claims 48, 53 and 65-82 are in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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